The Roald Dahl writing challenge

This challenge is inspired by The BFG and designed to capture your dreams! Complete this writing activity when you wake up in the morning.

If you look at a map of the world, there's something you won't see. Hidden far away is a place called Giant Country, home of the Big Friendly Giant (*The BFG* for short). In Roald Dahl's book, The BFG visits humans and collects their dreams. He stores them in magical jars to keep them safe and is always on the lookout for more.

For this challenge, we want you to write a diary entry describing your dreams. When you wake up in the morning, sit in your bedroom and describe what happened when you were sleeping. Did you meet someone famous? Dream of your friends? Or maybe you travelled somewhere magical.

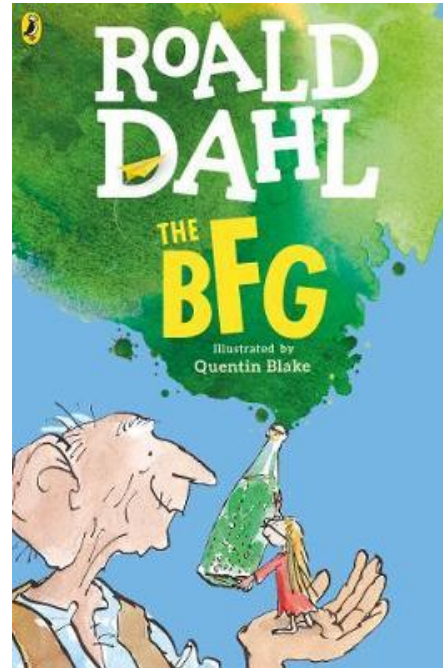If you didn't dream, then you can write about your best dream ever!

Once you've finished, roll up your piece of paper and pop it in a jar for the BFG, and leave it by your bedroom window. You could have a go at decorating your jar too.

Bonus activity
Instead of writing about just one dream, you could keep a dream diary for an entire week – or maybe even longer. Remember to write the date at the start of each entry, and try to write your diary entry as soon as you wake up before your dreams escape.

Top tips
- Use these tips on BBC Bitesize to help structure your writing:
- Listen to David Walliams read the opening of *The BFG* by Roald Dahl on SoundCloud
- Use these phizz-whizzing resources by Puffin for extra BFG activities

Word Hunt!

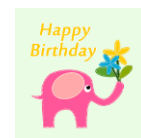There are lots of words in your home. For example, you may find words…

in books	on food packaging	in birthday cards
on calendars	on toys	on shopping lists

Complete this table as quickly as possible by hunting for words around your home. Try to find the words in as many different places as you can.

Find a word…	Word	Where did you read it?
with 8 or more letters		
with a 'q' in it		
which is the name of a person or character		
which makes you feel happy		
that you don't know the meaning of		
beginning with the letter 'a'		
which can have two different meanings		
which has 3 letters or less		

How long did it take you?

Create your own Word Hunt

Now create your own word hunt by completing the 'Find a word…' column in the table below. Challenge your friends or family to find the words in the quickest time they can.

Find a word…	Word	Where did you read it?

Young Writers' Story Starter 1

Write a story about a day that was really fun.

To get started:

- What happened on that day?
- Who were you with?
- Why was it fun?

Make sure to check:

- ✓ Does it make sense?
- ✓ Capital letters and full stops
- ✓ That you used interesting describing words

Start your story here!

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Young Writers' Story Starter 5

Write a letter to someone important to you

To get started:

- What will you ask them?
- What do you want to share with them?
- Think about whether you'll include a drawing, gift or poem with it.

Make sure to check:

- ✓ Capital letters and full stops
- ✓ Each sentence makes sense
- ✓ Who the letter is to and from

Start your story here!

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